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SUBJECT: FY-76 IV NOMINATION

REF: STATE 036156

1. NOMINATION OF SAMUEL LUPAI LAILA FOR 30-DAY IV GRANT BEING DEFERRED. LEADER OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, GAAFAR MOHAMED ALI BAKHEIT, MEMBER HIGHEST RANKING GOS BODY, THE POLITBURO, A FORMER MINISTER AND AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE SSU, HAD EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN TRIP. HE HAS BEEN INFORMED INDIRECTLY THAT EXISTING GRANT WOULD NOT PERMIT APPROPRIATE ATTENTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL OF HIS RANK. IT HAS BEEN INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WORK OUT APPROPRIATE GRANT FOR BAKHEIT LATER IN CALENDAR YEAR.

2. BECAUSE OF EXTRA LONG FISCAL YEAR THIS YEAR, WE WONDER WHETHER EXISTING GRANT COULD NOT BE EXTENDED TO BAKHEIT AS LATE AS SEPTEMBER. THIS WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE MORE HIGH LEVEL PROGRAM THAN CONTEMPLATED FOR LUPAI. ALSO ASSUME THAT BY TIME GENERAL ATMOSPHERE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD BE SUCH AS TO JUSTIFY SENDING SUCH A RANKING INDIVIDUAL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. DEPT IS REQUESTED INFORM US WHETHER SUBJECT GRANT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BAKHEIT IN SEPTEMBER AND WHETHER INDIVIDUAL OF SUCH SENIOR RANK COULD BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT RED CARPET TREATMENT TO PREVENT GRANT FROM BEING COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. FOR VARIETY REASONS, IT HAS BEEN CLEAR HERE THAT FIRST NOMINEE WE SHOULD SEND FROM PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

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SHOULD BE BAKHEIT; SO EMBASSY HOPES GRANT ALONG LINES

SUGGESTED CAN BE APPROVED. PAO STEELE, WHO NOW IN US, CAN
PROVIDE FURTHER BACKGROUND AND WILL SUBMIT NORMALLY
REQUIRED PAPERS ON HIS RETURN IF GRANT MODIFIED AS
SUGGESTED ABOVE. BREWER

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